6. While we acknowledge steps taken by the United States of America and the Russian Federation to mitigate the risk of avoidable nuclear war, including through the operation of nuclear risk reduction centres, we are concerned by the lack of declared or assumed reductions in operational status since the 2010 Review Conference.

7. The high alert nuclear force posture is based on a security environment that existed during the Cold War, but there has been no correspondingly significant change to reflect the major reduction in levels of tension since the end of the Cold War.

8. We therefore recommend that the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons:

(a) Urge all nuclear-weapon States to take concrete and meaningful steps, whether unilaterally, bilaterally or regionally, to implement actions 5 (e) and 5 (f) in the action plan adopted at the 2010 Review Conference;

(b) Call on all nuclear-weapon States to provide an update to States Parties to the Treaty on efforts they have undertaken to implement actions 5 (e) and 5 (f);

(c) Highlight the importance of nuclear armed States outside the Treaty also taking steps towards de-alerting their nuclear forces.